

USS Enterprise (CVN 65)

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# THE SHUTTLE

# Homecoming

## Enterprise Sailors

reflect on  
accomplishments  
and prepare for transition back to shore

# SAILOR & MARINE OF THE DAY



## Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Sarah E. Sequin

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "I joined because I wanted to better myself as a person and see the world."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "I get to teach what I have learned to my peers."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I like to go camping and play sports."

## Sergeant Carl D. Fuemmeler

Q: Why did you join the Marine Corps?

A: "I joined to better myself and to be part of the best."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "Ensuring my Marines and Sailors are taken care of and watching them become better leaders."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I enjoy spending time with my wife, working around my house and repairing small engines."



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jeffry A. Willadsen



# HOMECOMING

By MC3 Jeffry A. Willadsen

Enterprise Public Affairs

USS ENTERPRISE, At sea – USS Enterprise (CVN 65) Sailors successfully completed the ship's longest at-sea period Sept. 9 since their spring departure from the shipyard.

During the 37-day underway mission, Enterprise accomplished many goals necessary to prepare for its upcoming 21st deployment, including completing a Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) and Final Evaluation Period (FEP), both of which are required before a ship may deploy.

During TSTA / FEP, Big 'E' conducted more than 200 drills to increase the ship's operating efficiency, enhance Sailors' response to personnel / equipment casualties, and enabled effective integration between Enterprise and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1.

The drills included general quarters [battle stations], mass casualty, major conflagration, man overboard, flight deck and hangar deck drills, and other drills across all warfare areas.

Afloat Training Group (ATG) evaluators were aboard the ship to assess the execution of TSTA / FEP during the underway period. By the end of the examinations, feedback from ATG was excellent and stated that the crew had exceeded all expectations.

"Everyone aboard Enterprise played a critical role in the success of TSTA / FEP," said Lt. Cmdr. Vanessa Givens, the ship's training officer. "The integrated training team, as well as each individual training team, dedicated countless hours to develop the training scenarios. It was really up to the crew to demonstrate the ability to combat battle damage and personnel casualties."

In the midst of the challenging TSTA / FEP, the ship also successfully completed its Supply Management Assessment (SMA).

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*-Cmdr. Dan A. Haight Jr.  
Enterprise Safety Officer*

SMA was an extensive, three-day evaluation of Supply department's foodservice performance conducted by the ship's type commander, Commander, Naval Air Force, Atlantic. The purpose of the SMA was to prove Supply department's ability to handle serving an entire embarked crew while deployed for significant periods of time.

The effects of these examinations were felt all over the ship and ultimately encompassed every Sailor aboard Big E, making successful completion of the underway period an all-hands effort.

"Every Sailor and Marine aboard did remarkably well during this at-sea period," said Capt. O. P. Honors Jr, commanding officer of Big E. "To accomplish everything we did in the timeframe we did and with the external factors we had to plan around, such as multiple hurricanes, the outstanding results across the board are the combined efforts from the most seasoned khakis we have to the blue shirts. I am so proud of this crew."

This milestone is especially significant in light of Enterprise's recent two-year stay in the Northrop Grumman Shipyard in Newport News, making the Navy's oldest ship unavailable to contribute directly to the fight for an extended period of time.

"Enterprise has come a long way since we left the shipyard, but we're not finished just yet. We have a couple more underway periods before Enterprise goes on her first deployment in nearly three years. I have no doubt that we will exemplify the motto of our carrier, 'Ready on Arrival,'" said Honors.

Being ready consists of more than

just training and drills. Now that Big E is back from such a long time at sea, it's important for Enterprise Sailors to remember that personal safety and good decision-making is part of their duty as service members. According to Cmdr. Dan A. Haight Jr., Enterprise's safety officer, it's all about taking care of yourself and your fellow shipmates.

"Whether you're on the ship on the high seas, or out in town having fun, it makes no difference," Haight said. "Before you take that next drink, or climb into that car, it's your duty to make a good decision for yourself and encourage your fellow Sailors to do the same. Every Sailor is a part of the team. Keeping you safe, healthy, and mission-ready is one of our top concerns."

Keeping Enterprise mission-ready requires all Sailors to practice smart decision-making both on and off duty. Now that the legendary aircraft carrier has completed this critical stage in its workups, the next step is a Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX). COMPTUEX is an exercise meant to bolster the strike group's joint warfighting capabilities. Following COMPTUEX, Big E will engage in a Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX), a set of simulated combat scenarios in a real-time environment.

After the completion of JTFEX, Enterprise will be fully prepared for deployment.

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Enterprise is conducting work-ups and flight deck operations in preparation for its upcoming deployment. For more information about USS Enterprise, Carrier Strike Group 12 or Carrier Air Wing One visit [www.Enterprise.navy.mil](http://www.Enterprise.navy.mil), [www.ccs12.surfor.navy.mil](http://www.ccs12.surfor.navy.mil), and [www.cvw1.navy.mil](http://www.cvw1.navy.mil). You can also visit [www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn65](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn65).

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## Big E Outlook

### Education Points for Advancement Exams

**Education points for advancement exams do not appear on worksheets. These points are not award points. As long as the degree is in the member's SMART Transcript, they will receive credit for the degree. It is two points for an accredited associate's degree and four points for an accredited baccalaureate degree. The original transcripts must be mailed from the school to the (new) Virtual Education Center, no later than the first of the month in which the advancement exam occurs. These can not be hand-carried. The mailing address is: Commanding Officer Center for Personal and Professional Development Attn: Virtual Education Center 1905 Regulus Avenue, Ste 234 Virginia Beach, VA 23461-2009**



### September 9

*AMC and Regal movie tickets are available for purchase at the cost of \$5 per ticket. There is a limit of seven tickets per person per purchase for the week. Navy cash card required for purchase. Tickets can be purchased at the MWR window.*

## Underway Channels

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5 Training/Informational Scroll   | 29 History                |
| 6 SITE TV-Drama/Suspense/Thriller | 30 TLC                    |
| 7 SITE TV-Comedy/Romance          | 31 A&E                    |
| 8 SITE TV-Action/Adventure        | 32 E!                     |
| 12 ILARTS (PLAT)                  | 33 MTV                    |
| 14 ECDIS                          | 34 FX                     |
| 16 GBS                            | 35 NFL Network            |
| 19 AFN News                       | 36 ESPN                   |
| 20 AFN Sports                     | 37 VS (NFL/College)       |
| 21 AFN Atlantic                   | 38 Spike (NFL/College)    |
| 22 Fox News                       | 39 TNT (NFL/College)      |
| 23 Headline News                  | 40 Nat Geo (NFL/College)  |
| 24 ABC East                       | 41 USA (NFL/College)      |
| 25 NBC East                       | 42 AMC (NFL/College)      |
| 26 CBS East                       | 43 IFC (MLB/NFL/College)  |
| 27 FOX East                       | 44 SYFY (MLB/NFL/College) |
| 28 Military                       | 45 VHI (MLB/NFL/College)  |

**PROFESSIONAL MILITARY KNOWLEDGE (PMK) TRAINING**  
 We are here to help you prepare for your September advancement exam. PMK training sessions are conducted Monday - Friday at 1 p.m. on the forward mess decks until Sept. 12. When events or drills conflict with the training session, the training will be rescheduled for 7 p.m. that same day. For questions or concerns, please contact ET1 Schwartz or PS1 C. Brown via e-mail or 1-6560-1/0595-1.

Nightly ESWS training will be held in the foc'sle, Monday - Friday at 6 p.m. Boards will be held on Fridays in lieu of training as necessary.



### PMK QUESTION OF THE DAY

**Q: What area does the 2nd Fleet cover?**

A: East of the Mississippi River, Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean and South American region bordering the Atlantic.



### ESWS QUESTION OF THE DAY

**Q: What is the chart table used for?**

A: To calculate the ship's position.

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